

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 30, 2004. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claims 43-61 are pending and have been amended. Support for the claim changes can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added. Claims 43 and 45-61 are in independent form.

Claims 43-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,078,886 (*Dragosh et al.*). In response to this rejection, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

According to Applicants' claimed invention, a client inputs speech using an input form, has a user dictionary which holds a target recognition word and input form identifying information in association with each other, and transmits input form identifying information indicating the input form used for inputting the speech, the user dictionary, and the speech to the server.

Independent Claim 43 recites, *inter alia*, (i) storing means for storing a user dictionary which holds target recognition words and input form identifying information in association with each other, and (ii) first transmission means for transmitting input form identifying information indicating an input form to be inputted of speech, the user dictionary, and the speech to the server. Each of the other independent claims includes, *inter alia*, recitations similar or identical to these recitations of Claim 43.

Dragosh et al. relates to a system and method for providing remote automatic speech recognition (ASR) services via a packet network. According to the invention of *Dragosh et al.*, a client-server architecture is used to make ASR services accessible at a client location remote from the location of the main ASR engine. An ASR server receives a grammar from a client, receives information representing speech from the client, performs speech recognition, and returns information based upon the recognized speech to the client.

Thus, while *Dragosh et al.* teaches that a client transmits a grammar to a server, Applicants understand that the grammar to be transmitted is fixed rather than a user variable dictionary.

Furthermore, nothing in *Dragosh et al.* is seen to teach or suggest at least (i) storing means for storing a user dictionary which holds target recognition words and input form identifying information in association with each other, or (ii) first transmission means for transmitting input form identifying information indicating an input form to be inputted of speech, the user dictionary, and the speech to the server.

Since *Dragosh et al.* is not understood to contain all of the elements of independent Claim 43, that claim is believed allowable over *Dragosh et al.* Since each of the other independent claims recites, *inter alia*, features similar or identical to the above-discussed features of Claim 43, those claims are also believed allowable over the cited art, for at least the same reasons as pertain to Claim 43.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference

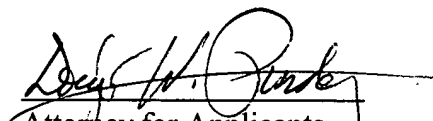
against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claim in this application is dependent from independent Claim 43 and is therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since dependent Claim 44 is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of that claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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